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Death from plague at San Francisco bacteriologically confirmed.^a

[Telegram.]

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 17, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington.

Diagnosis bacteriologically confirmed in case 95.

BLUE.

Vaccination of railroad employees on Mexican frontier.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton, at Laredo, reports June 5 as follows: In reference to a railroad employee having broken out with smallpox within two days after arrival in the United States, I quote you part of reply of railroad superintendent to whom I wrote, stating the facts, with request to have employees running into Mexico vaccinated: "He went to hospital sick, and nothing more was thought of his case than any other sick employee coming to the hospital. After he had been there a day or two the doctor found that he had smallpox, and he was removed from hospital. I am to-day writing our chief surgeon regarding the vaccination of the employees. A copy of reply from the chief surgeon was received by me to-day from the superintendent, the substance of which is, that although he knows of no locality on the line where smallpox prevails, yet in the interest of public health those employees not protected as stated should be vaccinated. He therefore issues instructions that all employees crossing into Texas be vaccinated without delay. The chief surgeon has instructed local surgeons accordingly."

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

CALIFORNIA—*Stockton*.—Month of May, 1903. Estimated population, 18,000. Total number of deaths, 24, including 3 from tuberculosis.

FLORIDA—*Tampa*.—Month of May, 1903, Census population, 20,000. Total number of deaths, 14, including enteric fever, 3, and 1 from tuberculosis.

ILLINOIS—*Peoria*.—Month of May, 1903. Estimated population, 56,100. Total number of deaths, 64, including 11 from tuberculosis.

IOWA.—The HEALTH BULLETIN says:

Outbreaks of the following infectious diseases were reported as having occurred in the following places during the month of April:

Diphtheria.—Des Moines; Fraser; Thompson; Liberty Township, Jefferson County; Newton Township, Winnebago County.

^a This case was reported in Public Health Reports of June 12, No. 24, page 903. The death occurred on June 5, 1903.